

MEDIA STATEMENT

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TUESDAY, 09 NOVEMBER 2021

MUNICIPAL OUTER BOUNDARY RE-DETERMINATION PROCESS GETS UNDERWAY

The municipal outer boundary re-determination process has officially opened, with effect from November 2021. Municipal Boundary re-determination process is conducted in terms of the Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (MDA) and other appropriate legislation enacted in terms of Chapter 7 of the Constitution.

All members of the public and stakeholders who wish to submit proposals to determine or re-determine municipal boundaries, not ward boundaries may do so from the beginning of November 2021 until 31 March 2022.

The MDB is already in possession of a few proposals received over the last few years until recently. In this regard, those who have already submitted are urged to indicate if their proposals are still valid for possible consideration by the MDB in their current form or if there are changes, they should re-submit within the current timelines. In case they don't submit any new proposal or application the MDB will use the application within its custody.

All proposals submitted must be motivated in terms of section 24 and 25 of the (MDA) and section 2 of the Municipal Structures Act (MSA) for re-categorization of municipalities.

Forms and more information on the municipal boundary re-determination process can be obtained on the MDB website (www.demarcation.co.za) or on request by contacting 012 342 2481 or email at registry@demarcation.org.za.

The proposals must be emailed to registry@demarcation.org.za or faxed to 012 3422480, or posted to Private Bag X123, Centurion, 0046 or hand delivered to Eco Origins Office Park, Block C1, 349 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Highveld, 0157. The proposals must be addressed for the attention of the Chairperson of the MDB.

The closing date for members of the public and for stakeholders to submit proposals is 31st March 2022. It should be noted that, no proposals will be accepted after the closing date. Related enquiries can be sent to: info@demarcation.org.za or call on (+27) 12 342 2481.

DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF OUTER BOUNDARIES

Municipal boundaries are classified as follows:

- **Class 1, Technical and minor boundary re-determinations-** This re-determination entails a small scale boundary adjustment and alignment with a minor impact on the geographic area, a negligible or no impact on the number of voters and no impact on the capacity of the affected municipalities.
- **Class 2, Consolidation and Annexations-** This is a medium scale boundary re-determination that may impact on a sizable geographic area, and number of voters in one or all the municipalities affected. This type of determination may impact on ward arrangements but will not materially impact on the capacities of the affected municipalities to deliver services
- **Class 3 – Amalgamations-** This type of re-determination entails a major and large scale municipal boundary re-determination which will have a significant impact on the geographic areas, the number of voters, and the capacities of the affected municipalities, the re-determination includes the merging of adjacent municipalities or the splitting of municipal areas to create other municipal areas.
- **Class 4- Categorization-** This is a type of re-determination that involves the categorisation of any new Category A Metropolitan, Category C District and Category B Local municipalities with or without boundary changes; Category A must satisfy Section 2 of the MSA and Section 24 and 25 of the Act respectively; the Board will categorise an area that qualify to be a category A municipalities after consultation with National Minister responsible for local government, the MEC for local government in the provinces concerned, and SALGA.

ENQUIRIES

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Municipal Boundary Re-determination Process

In terms of Municipal Demarcation Act (MDA)



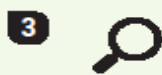
The following steps are taken when a proposal for a municipal boundary change is received:



1
Initiation of
Boundary
Redetermination
in terms of
Section 22
of MDA



2
Publication
in terms of
Section 26
of MDA



3
Consideration of
Section 26
views and
representations



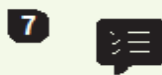
4
Determine boundaries or
conduct public meetings
OR
Conduct formal
investigations
OR
Conduct both public
meetings concurrently
with formal
investigations



5
Consider
Reports



6
Decision to redetermine
and publish in terms
of Section 21 of MDA
for objections
OR
Decision not to
Re-determine



7
Consider
objections



8
Final decision on
redetermination -
Confirm vary or
withdraw
Publish decision
in provincial gazette
in terms of Section 21(5)
of MDA

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